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REMARKS

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Finow airfield between 14 September and 8 October:

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14 September. Air activity was observed at the field from considerable distance. Between 1320 and 1500, 5 elements of 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s crossed over Eberswalde heading toward the airfield.

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15 September. Between 1300 and 1845, 10 elements of 2 jet fighters came from the direction of the airfield, circled twice over the town, and then returned to the field. They flew for about 5 minutes at an altitude of 1,000 meters. At 1410, a Li-2 was seen over the town. At 1630, a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 landed at the field. No other aircraft were seen aloft. The 4 alert jet fighters were side-by-side about 100 meters north of the intersection of the runway. Their noses pointed to the south. The following jet fighters were also seen at the field: 3 on the runway just north of the alert aircraft; a sizeable number west and east of the flight control station; 4 taxiing from the western section of the field to the flight control building. No aircraft of other types were observed. A tank truck and 5 soldiers were seen near the 3 jet fighters in the vicinity of the take-off point. An exchange of pilots was not observed.

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14 September. No air activity was observed, but a large number of MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field. The exact number could not be identified. Three dark green Li-2s were parked in front of the flight control building. After 2250, jet fighters circled over Eberswalde and the sound of jet engines was heard from the field. The flying aircraft had set position lights. No searchlights were observed.

21 September. Between 1150 and 1300, air activity was observed from the direction of Eberswalde. No details could be identified since the sky was 8/10 to 10/10 overcast at an altitude of 800 meters.

28 September. No air activity was observed at the field at 0800. A number of jet fighters was parked on the dispersal areas. A Li-2 was seen just south of the flight control station.

2 October. The number of MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s was unchanged. Two Li-2s were parked on the open terrain south of the flight control station.

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5 October. At 1500, 32 jet fighters were counted east of the flight control station south of the hangars and about 27 jet fighters west of the flight control station. The 4 alert aircraft were parked on the dispersal area near the intersection of the runway. Two Li-2s and 2 Po-2s were seen in front of the flight control station. There was no air activity.

8 October. No air activity was observed at 0810. The alert flight was still on its usual dispersal area. Three tank trucks and 10 soldiers were seen near the flight control station. The aircraft were apparently refueled. 1

2. The following radio and radar installations observations were made at the field on 15 September: Two masts, each about 8 meters high, with umbrella-type antennas on top were on the roof of the barn of the Finow estate. The previously reported antenna with 4 dipoles was no longer seen. The Token-type radar set was still located southeast of the Finow estate, north of the Finow-Schoepfurth road. The set was not in operation. The other Token-type set on triangulation point 71.5, 500 meters northwest of Sommerfelde was also unchanged. The radio truck with a telescopic mast about 10 meters long had changed its location since the last observation in mid-August 1954. At 1700 on 15 September, it was observed in the fenced-in square. There were 6 radio trucks, including the vehicle with the telescopic mast, and a tent. A Dumbo-type radar set was mounted on an isolated mast which was about 10 meters high. Barracks sections and beams ready for assembly had arrived there. The telephone line from the Artillerie Kaserne to the radio installation was completed. A model AA 4 M K 3 radar set was observed 100 meters east of the Fishnet-type radar set in the southern corner of the runway intersection. A mast, about 8 meters high and not braced, was seen east of the runway intersection, in the extension of the main runway, next to the temporary buildings on the edge of the landing field. 2
3. On 5 October, 6 x 37-mm AA guns with their barrels elevated were observed in the AA gun emplacement about 300 meters southeast of the runway intersection. About 30 soldiers were engaged in cleaning the guns.
4. Vehicular traffic at the field included trucks
5. The following guards were observed at the installation:
Two sentries were posted at the main guardhouse on 15 September and 1 sentry armed with a carbine was seen there on 2, 5 and 8 October. One sentry armed with a submachine gun was posted in the ammunition dump north of the main guardhouse. A double sentry armed with carbines patrolled inside of the fence. Two sentry boxes, one located just south of the gap in the fence and the other just north of the gap, were temporarily occupied by soldiers whose heads were seen over the fence. These two sentry boxes were apparently located at the boundary of the patrolled area. A sentry armed with a carbine was posted near the Token-type radar set southeast of the Finow estate. No dogs were seen accompanying the guards.
6. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 22 September and 8 October:
22 September. Between 0800 and 1600, about 30 individual take-offs and flights in elements of two jet fighters were made.

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23 September. Between 0800 and 1600, jet fighters circled individually and in elements of two over the field. Throughout the day, no civilian workers were allowed to work at the installation.

24 to 27 September. No air activity was observed.

3 October. Between 0800 and 1600, about 30 take-offs and formation flights were made by jet fighters.

4 to 7 October. There was no air activity.

8 October. Four MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off individually and made local individual flights. [redacted] At 1030, the entire airfield could be observed and the following aircraft were seen: 4 alert jet fighters in the northeastern corner of the landing field, 22 jet fighters at the take-off point at the eastern edge of the landing field, about 30 jet fighters along the northern edge of the field.

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7. The AA gun emplacement in the southeastern section of the landing field was still occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns. Five trucks were parked in a shed which was open on one side and which was located in the limber storage area in the southeastern corner of the field.

1. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that Finow airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments. This assumption is supported by the reported aircraft strength of about 60 jet fighters. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that the Token-type radar set southeast of the Finow estate and the 2 umbrella-type antennas within the Finow estate belong to Finow airfield, while the Token-type set northwest of Sommerfelde probably belongs to the radar net, similar to the radar stations near Gardelegen, Hagenow, Quedlinburg etc. The assignment of the fenced-in radio installation with a radio truck mounting a 10-meter-high mast with an antenna, probably a Dumbo-type radar set, has not been determined. The telephone line leading to the Artillerie Kaserne was reported previously. The information on the arrival of prefabricated barracks sections indicates that a stationary installation is to be established, probably in connection with the Token-type radar set near Sommerfelde. [redacted] For sketch of radio installation near Sommerfelde, see Annex.

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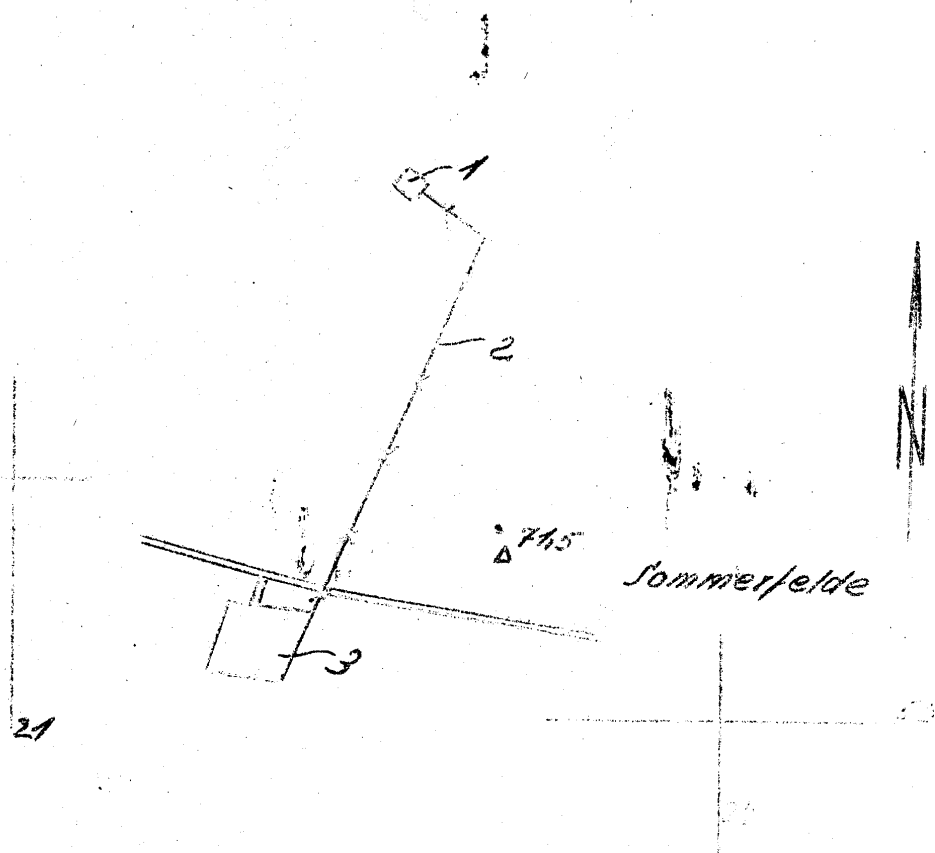
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Radio Installation Near Sommerfelde

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Legend:

Scale: 1 : 25,000

- 1 Radio installation
- 2 White wire line
- 3 Artillerie Kaserne

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